Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Karen Rath knows the great worth and beauty of music in our everyday lives; and,

Whereas, Karen has been a music woman all her life, and after over a half century of performing at weddings, dances, and concerts, she no doubt attributes some of her success in life to the soothing influence of song; and,

Whereas, Throughout the years, Karen has given so much of herself to the Dakota area, and it seems only right that this maker of melodies be rewarded and recognized for her fine achievement in the arts; and,

Whereas, For many years, Karen has shared her achievements in the field of music that give comfort, solace, and joy to all who hear her play, and it is impossible to estimate how many lives she has touched by sharing with us her special gift; therefore, it is for this reason Karen deserves our special praise and attention; and,

Whereas, Karen Rath has been chosen by the Dakota Musician's Association to be inducted into the Dakota Musician's Hall of Fame:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2009, as

KAREN RATH DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State